File Code: 2430

Date: May 27, 2016

Dear Prospective Offeror:

Sealed offers will be accepted until 10:00 am on June 28, 2016 at the Forest Supervisor's Office, 2221 North Raguet, Lufkin, Texas 75904, for the Compartment 76 Brandy Creek Stewardship Project. This sale is located in Compartment 76 of the Sam Houston National Forest approximately 11 miles northeast of New Waverly, in Walker County, Texas. It embraces a gross sale area of 434 acres of which 341 acres contain timber to be cut and removed and service work to be performed (See enclosed Contract Area Map).

As part of this contract, pre-haul road maintenance is required with an estimated cost of <u>\$66,528</u>. The advertised rates for the included timber in this sale were adjusted to reflect the estimated cost of this work. Please review the timber sale prospectus and sample contract for specific information concerning required roadwork.

Due to bridge weight limits, hauling on NFSR 200 east of the Sale area will be prohibited.

The Forest Service encourages potential bidders to inspect the sale area and make their own estimate of the timber volume prior to submitting bid. The Forest Service makes no representation, warranty or guarantee of the accuracy of the following estimates:

Estimated Quantities and Rates per Unit of Measure

Species	Product	Estimated Quantities	Unit of Measure	Advertised Minimum Bid Rates	Road Mtce. Deposit
Southern Yellow	Sawtimber	3,528	CCF	\$ 77.31	\$.48/CCF
Softwood - Other	Pulpwood	4,561	CCF	\$ 6.26	\$.48/CCF
	Total	8,089	CCF		

Listing of Stewardship Project Work

Work	Mandatory/			
<u>Item #</u>	Optional	Locations	<u>Work</u>	<u>Units</u>
01	Mandatory	NFSR 248	deliver, and spread 3,500 tons of limestone roadbase	3,500 Tons





NO OFFER GUARANTEE IS REQUIRED FOR BIDDING ON THIS PROJECT.

Offeror's should review Section 21, General, on pages 5, 6 and 7 of the prospectus. This section provides

instructions for the submission of technical and price proposals.

If you wish further information on this timber sale, the prospectus, or the bid form, please write or call the Forest Supervisor, National Forests and Grasslands in Texas, 2221 North Raguet, Lufkin, Texas 75904, telephone (936) 639-8501; or the Sam Houston Ranger Station at 394 FM 1375 West, New Waverly, Texas, 77358, telephone (936) 344-6205; or check our website at http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/texas/. Click on "Timber Sales" listed under Quick Links menu located in the upper right section of the page.

Sincerely,

/s/ Robert C. Allen

ROBERT C. ALLEN Contracting Officer

Enclosures